(b) and (c) Inadequate lane width and high traffic density are only two of the numerous reasons leading to accidents and it is not possible to identify the accidents categorywise.

(d) and (e) No instance of corruption has been reported and as such the question of institution of high level inquiry does not arise. The projects are monitored at highest level and remedial measures taken from time to time.

Developmental work on river Godavari in Andhra Pradesh

2983. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state by when the foundation stone will be laid for commissioning the developmental works on Godavari in Andhra Pradesh as river Godavari has been identified for declaration as National water ways and studies/ surveys are completed on the same during the year 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The requisite data from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh concerning the economic viability of the proposal to declare the Godavari river from Cherla to Rajahmundri (208 kms.) as National Waterway is awaited on receipt of the same from the State Govt. alongwith their concurrence, the matter will be processed for declaring the above stretch of Godavari as National Waterway.

Accident on National highway in Andhra Pradesh

2984. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fatal accidents on the National Highways in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what monitoring is being done by Government to make the National Highways safer in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) National Highways-wise accidents statistics is not collected.

(b) The National Highways in A.P. are improved to better standards. The accidents mainly taken place not because of bad condition of Road, but because of rash and negligence driving.

Improving National Highways touching Hyderabad

2985. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to improve National Highways touching Hyderabad city;

(b) what steps are proposed to improve National Highways which link Hyderabad; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Proposals pertaining to Improvement works aggregating to Rs. 245.08 lakhs have been sanctioned so far during 1993-94 on National Highways No. 7 and 9 in Andhra Pradesh touching/linking Hyderabad city. Improvement on National Highways is a continuous process and sanctioning of further improvement works on these two National Highways would depend on inter-se priority and availability of funds.